

ALLIES AND GERMAN BATTLE IN STREETS OF COMBLES

VICTIM TELLS
HOW FLEECERS
WORKED TRICK

E. R. West Out \$15,000 After Being Arraigned Before Fake Court Relates Experience.

MET BEAUTIFUL GIRL
WHILE IN RESTAURANT

Buda Godman Suggested That She Accompany Him to New York—Gang Then Makes Arrest.

International News Service: CHICAGO, Sept. 26.—Amazing disclosures of how he was lured of \$15,000 by members of the so-called "million dollar" syndicate who caught him with one of the band's "come-ons" in the Ansonia hotel, New York, were made here today by Edward R. West, a wealthy Hyde Park importer.

The woman with whom he was trapped was Buda Godman, a striking brunette who, with Helen Evers, did the luring for the syndicate. She was under arrest here today, awaiting a preliminary hearing of other members of the band.

West is a widower and wealthy. He is vice president of the C. D. Gregg Tea and Coffee Co. of Chicago and New York.

In order that others might take heed and profit by his humiliating experience, West said, he decided to make public the sensational details of his case.

Met in Restaurant. "I met Buda Godman in a downtown restaurant," said West. "She was beautiful, polished, and I was led to believe that she had independent means of her own. We became very good friends. Shortly after our acquaintance had ripened into friendship, I was called to New York on a business trip for my firm. "She suggested that she make the trip with me. I was surprised, as I thought she was a girl of refinement. At first I refused; then, at her insistence, I agreed to it. We reached New York on May 9 and registered at the Ansonia hotel.

"We had been there several days. One night, or rather morning, there came a knock on our door. I opened it and in came three men. They were armed with warrants for our arrest. They had badges and 'credentials,' which I now know to have been false, showing they were agents of the department of justice. They said we had violated the Mann act. Girl Is Hysterical.

"I told them it was an outrage and that I would not submit to it. But Buda became hysterical. She said it meant ruin for her, that she was a convent-bred girl and it would kill her parents.

"She sobbed that it was all right for me to talk of fighting it because society would forgive a man where it put an irreparable blemish on a woman. She threatened to commit suicide. Then she became calmer and asked what she could do to save herself.

"It was intimated by the three 'officers' that money might settle it. What was I to do? A girl of apparent culture had been placed in this position, and it was up to my chivalry, if nothing else, to get her out.

"We were taken to two staterooms 'under guard' and hurried back to Chicago. We went to the Alexandria hotel where I was informed U. S. Commissioner Foote lived. A hundred times I threatened to revolt and let everything go. But Buda pleaded that it meant ruin for her. I believed in her. We were held for several days while the so-called 'negotiations' were on. "Then I paid them—in cash. The first installment was \$12,500. Later I gave them \$2,500.

"When the expose of their organization came I knew I had been 'bled,' and I decided to sacrifice my personal humiliation for the sake of others who may innocently be drawn into the same net.

West declared that the persons with whom he was associated in the deal and who he now knows to be blackmailers, were persons that would fool anyone. They were polished and educated, he said. Their language and manners would deceive any one.

Lad Kills Chum
With Gun That
Wasn't Loaded

International News Service: TERRE HAUTE, Ind., Sept. 26.—Paul Hoopes, 11 years old, is dead, Raymond Abbott, 13 years old, is under arrest and his mother is heartbroken, because Raymond "didn't know it was loaded."

Mrs. Abbott marched her own child to the police station to be arrested, and sobbed out the story of the shooting. "Paul and Raymond were inseparable chums," she said. "Raymond was sick today and I kept him in the house, while his chum called him from the yard. "Bing! You're dead!" Paul cried.

"Raymond picked up a shot gun, pointed it through the window and cried: 'You're dead yourself.' And he was."

The shot tore through Paul's chest and head, killing him almost instantly.

SEN. WILLIAMS
HERE THURSDAY

Mississippi Senator to Deliver Reply to Hughes at the High School.

St. Joseph county democrats will open their campaign Thursday night when Sen. John Sharp Williams of Mississippi, known as one of the leading democrats of the country and the most brilliant orator in the United States senate, will deliver an address at the high school building.

Sen. Williams will give answers to Charles Evans Hughes, republican candidate for president who spoke here last Friday night, attacking democratic policies and Woodrow Wilson in particular. The Thursday night meeting will start promptly at 8 o'clock in the high school auditorium. The chairman of the event has not been selected as yet although several state officials and candidates will be in the city to hear Sen. Williams. Delegations from Plymouth, Elkhart, Goshen, Warsaw, Rochester and other towns will come to the South Bend meeting, according to word received at democratic headquarters here. The meeting will not be in the nature of a rally but will be devoted entirely to a discussion of national issues and an answer to the charges made by the republican standpoints relative to the Wilson administration.

After speaking here, Thursday night Sen. Williams will go to LaPorte where he will address a meeting Friday night. It is not expected that the democratic campaign in this county will get into full swing until after registration day on Oct. 9. Both political organizations are devoting considerable attention to the work of bringing out the voters on registration day and will concentrate their efforts almost entirely in this line until after Oct. 9.

It was announced Tuesday that Evan E. Stoenberg, attorney-general of Indiana, will make an address here on Oct. 11. No arrangements for the meeting have been made yet but Stoenberg will give answer to the charges being made against the state administration by Jim Goodrich, republican candidate for governor.

The big democratic rally of the campaign will take place here on the night of Oct. 23 when Hon. John A. M. Adair, candidate for governor, will deliver an address. Plans for the event are already being mapped out by the county and district organizations.

The republicans are devoting the large share of their attention to registration work at this time. There is considerable talk among the standpatters of bringing Jim Watson, candidate for U. S. senator to South Bend before election day and giving him a big demonstration.

The plan is to hold a Saturday afternoon meeting in South Bend with a parade and a night meeting at Mishawaka. The first business session will be held tomorrow morning.

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NATION NEEDS
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National Board With Broadest Possible Powers May be Outcome of President's Request.

OFFICIALS AND LABOR
MEN WORK ON PLANS

Both Will Have Say in Any Legislation—Unions Will Not Give Up Right to Strike.

International News Service: WASHINGTON, Sept. 26.—Creation of a national board of mediation and conciliation, with broadest possible powers, but just short of the right to enforce compulsory arbitration may be the outcome of President Wilson inviting suggestions of the best way to reconcile capital and labor.

The president's appeal for suggestions is likely to meet with a ready response. Labor leaders here and the few senators and representatives still in Washington are studying the situation very carefully. They agree with the statement of the president that the "greatest menace apparent" to the continued prosperity of the country is the increasing unrest in the labor world.

Organized labor leaders, however, are chary of endorsing any plan that might tie their hands in enforcing their demands through a strike. All who would talk at all insisted today that the strike is labor's greatest weapon, and that they are opposed to any action that would in any way abridge it. Most of them believe that a federal mediation board would be a first step toward compulsory arbitration.

Some Method Needed. It is known, however, that President Wilson and his advisers are convinced that some method of mediation must be decided on by congress in the immediate future. Just how it is to be brought about will have to be worked out through a modification of all plans that up to the present time have been suggested.

It is known that the president had hoped that the former federal commission on industrial relations would have found the way out, but congress flatly ignored its recommendations, saying they were "too radical." However, much of the data compiled now is available for a new federal body if one is named. The president is expected to dwell at length on this subject in his message to congress when it reconvenes next December.

From the labor leaders now in Washington the following expressions on the subject were obtained today:

Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor: "President Wilson's plan to evolve a general solution that will effectively prevent great labor disputes in the future will, of course, have the cooperation of organized labor. Labor leaders will take advantage of his invitation to submit suggestions to this end. This is a problem, which calls for deep study and at this time I am unable to outline my views on this question. I shall give the matter careful attention, however, and shall comply with the president's request where possible. The president's idea is worthy of commendation and cooperation."

James O'Connell, president of the Metal Trades department, American Federation of Labor, and former member of the federal commission on industrial relations:

"Certainly in this enlightened age we should be able to fulfill President Wilson's plan to develop a general scheme which will eliminate future clashes between labor and capital. It is a big problem, but we should be able to work out a real solution. I am opposed to any plan which contemplates compelling the working men to submit his claims or grievances to any tribunal. But I believe that the situation can be met by organization. If we can reach a point where well organized laboring men, banded together for their own advancement, can sit down with representatives of their employers on terms of equality, I feel confident that every possible difference between the two sides can be satisfactorily adjusted. I do not believe much can be done by legal enactment."

CREW IS SAVED. MADRID, Sept. 26.—The Norwegian ship Burford was sunk off the Spanish coast today. Her crew of 25 men were saved.

Zeppelins Raid
British Coast
Towns, Kill 29

International News Service: LONDON, Sept. 26.—Undaunted by the loss of two Zeppelins 48 hours earlier, the Germans made another raid over England last night and early today, killing 29 persons.

Gen. French, commander-in-chief of the home forces, reported the casualty list today.

A number of houses were wrecked, but the aerial invaders were unable to get near industrial centers because of the high-angle fire and the attacks of British airmen.

Seven Zeppelins took part in the raid, according to an official announcement and two separate areas were attacked, one in the north-eastern counties and the other in the southern counties.

Many bombs were dropped, but Zeppelins have begun to lose their power to terrify since three have been shot down.

WHITMAN AGAINST
SPECIAL SESSION

Governor Lets It be Known That He Does Not Believe Action is Needed.

International News Service: NEW YORK, Sept. 26.—Gov. Whitman let it be known shortly before noon today that he would not call a special session of the New York legislature to deal with the threatened general strike here, called for tomorrow morning. He stated that he would receive the committee of legislators this afternoon, but made it clear by his attitude that he did not believe the present situation called for such drastic action.

A legislative committee of nine will meet the governor this afternoon and urge him to take this step at once. Indications were that the strike leaders would not oppose such action. General reluctance has been shown among the labor organizations regarding the call for a general strike to aid the carmen's "cause." In some quarters the belief prevails that merely the calling of the legislature would have important effects on the labor men.

Renewed outbreaks of violence marked the traction strike early today. Revolver shots were fired at a Third ave. elevated train and numerous other trains were bombarded from roofs with showers of missiles. No one was injured, however. Two arrests were made.

NATIONAL PROBLEM.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 26.—The general strike, called to take effect in greater New York tomorrow to aid the strike of New York street carmen, may become a national problem, according to labor leaders in Washington. Samuel Gompers, president of the American federation of labor, who has been in close touch with the New York strike situation today, said it was impossible to determine what the future might bring out of the struggle.

DEFENCES ARE DAMAGED

Berlin Paper Reports Effects of Allies' Air Raid.

International News Service: AMSTERDAM, Sept. 26.—German military defenses in central Belgium have been damaged by a raid of British airmen, says the Telegraf today. Bombs were dropped upon transport trains and the railway between Brussels and Louvain was badly damaged that traffic was stopped.

LATEST IN THE NEWS WORLD

REPORT ON RAIDS.

International News Service: LONDON, Sept. 26.—Seventy-four persons were killed and 152 wounded in the Zeppelin raids over England on Saturday and Monday nights according to a revised casualty list issued by the war office this afternoon. The damage was slight.

ENDORSE WILSON.

International News Service: MACON, Ga., Sept. 26.—The state democratic convention here today went on record as unequivocally endorsing the administration of Woodrow Wilson and pledged the continued support of the party in this state to the president.

CAPTURE SLAYER.

International News Service: BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Sept. 26.—Circuit Court Clerk David G. Over-

VILLA ABSENT
DURING RAID
SAYS LANSING

Gen. Bell's Official Report of Trouble at Chihuahua is Contradicted by Secretary of State.

NO ONE IN CITY WHO
SAW BANDIT LEADER

Mexican Commissioners Unable to Secure Loan—Body Marks Time Pending Reply From Carranza.

International News Service: WASHINGTON, Sept. 26.—Secretary Lansing today flatly contradicted the official report of Gen. George F. Bell, jr., that Villa was present at the raid of Chihuahua City Sept. 16, that Carranza soldiers deserted to him and that great quantities of munitions were captured. An official announcement by Sec'y Lansing stated that the state department's information conforms to the facts as presented by the Mexican government that Villa was not in Chihuahua and that there were no desertions.

Sec'y Lansing announced: "Confidential advices from Chihuahua City seem to bear out the statement of Mr. Arredondo (Mexican ambassador-designate) that Villa was not present in the recent raid on Chihuahua City, that the raiders took away no arms nor ammunition, and that there were no desertions from the Carranzista forces."

Ambassador-designate Arredondo later made public an official report "containing all the facts" about the raid received from Minister of Foreign Affairs Aguilar in Mexico City. Aguilar informed Arredondo that between 600 and 700 Villistas entered Chihuahua City, captured the federal penitentiary and the governor's palace temporarily, but the raiders took away no arms nor ammunition, and that there were no desertions from the Carranzista forces.

POSTPONE PROTECTORATE.

International News Service: NEW LONDON, Conn., Sept. 26.—Satisfied of the inability of the Mexican commission to induce American bankers to loan of \$100,000,000 or more, the American commissioners are prepared to submit a proposal for the establishment of a practical financial protectorate over Mexico. This was learned on high authority today.

The plan is this: To guarantee the payment of the interest and principal on a Mexican loan.

To establish an American commission to supervise the expenditures of the rehabilitation of Mexico. To establish, as a collateral issue, a constabulary under the partial control of this commission, for patrolling the northern section of Mexico and for the protection of the border. This border patrol would be the present plan, would be offered for the most part by American military men and made up of Mexicans qualified for the positions.

Pending the arrival of a reply from Gen. Carranza to the question put up to him yesterday by the Mexican representatives, and whether the "first chief" insists that the withdrawal of American troops be disposed of before other questions are considered by the Mexican representatives, both commissions are practically at a standstill. The meetings here will adjourn Thursday, to meet Monday at Atlantic City.

VILLA MOVES NORTH.

International News Service: EL PASO, Texas, Sept. 16.—Dispatches reaching Juarez this afternoon from Casas Grandes stated that Villa's bandit army is approaching the outskirts of the Pershing expedition near El Valle.

VILLISTAS WIN.

EL PASO, Texas, Sept. 26.—Almost complete annihilation of two Carranza garrisons in western Chihuahua embracing approximately 500 men by Villista bandits was reported to Gen. Bell's headquarters here today by secret agents of the government.

British Prince Starts Naval Training



PRINCE GEORGE OF ENGLAND

Prince George, the fourth son of the king of England, will follow in his father's footsteps and become an officer in the British Navy. He has entered the Royal Naval college at Osborne as a cadet.

The young prince, who is 14 years old, chose the navy like his brother, Prince Albert, who is attached to the Collingwood.

The navy was also the choice of King George, who as Duke of York saw service in the Mediterranean and in Chinese waters for many years.

DITCH CASE WILL
COME UP MONDAYVENIZELOS PLANS
TRIP TO LONDON

Considerable Litigation is Expected to Result—Matter Up Before.

Complete Political Upheaval in Greece is One of the Predicted Results.

International News Service: LONDON, Sept. 26.—The Greek revolution has extended to the island of Corfu. An Athens dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph today stated that Gen. Soanoun, commander of the Greek garrison at Corfu, capital of the island, has gone to Saloniki to join the revolutionists.

International News Service: LONDON, Sept. 26.—A complete political upheaval in Greece and the elimination of King Constantine's authority is one of the predicted results of the forthcoming visit of M. Venizelos to London.

M. Venizelos, who is a former premier of Greece and leader of the pro-ally party, has gone from Athens to Crete, where he probably will head the provisional government, as was reported in dispatches to the International News Service on Monday.

If King Constantine fails to accept the services of the revolutionary army when they are tendered to him in a proclamation which Venizelos is preparing, decisive events are expected to follow at once.

There are strong indications that the ex-premier has the support of the entente powers in any action he may contemplate to fulfill the Greek national aim through the entry of that country in the war.

Should Venizelos, with the consent of the allies, be elevated to national power in Greece, King Constantine and his family likely will retire to Germany.

TRAINING PLAN HELD UP

Indiana University Awaits Word From War Department.

International News Service: BLOOMINGTON, Ind., Sept. 26.—The order of the board of trustees of Indiana university for compulsory military instruction for first and second year men will be held up indefinitely because of the unavailability of the war department, according to President William L. Bryan, who made public today a letter from Adj. Gen. T. O. Murphy. His letter stated that definite instructions could not be given pending the issuance of regulations for military training in the schools and the establishment of an officers' reserve corps.

BRITISH FIRST
TO ENTER CITY
ALONG SOMME

French Occupy Southern Outskirts and Cemetery on Eastern Edge—Two Attacks Launched.

RUSSIANS AGAIN ON
OFFENSIVE IN EAST

Vulgar and Szdurk Passes in Hands of Roumanians. French Advance in Macedonia.

International News Service: LONDON, Sept. 26.—Smashing their way forward in a series of joint assaults the allies have won a big victory on the Somme front by penetrating the important town of Comblès. Desperate hand-to-hand fighting is now raging in the streets between the Anglo-French troops and the remnants of the German garrison.

Attacking the German positions simultaneously from the north and south the British and French vied with each other to be the first to enter Comblès, the honor falling to Gen. Haig's men. However, the French were able to occupy the southern outskirts and Comblès cemetery on the eastern edge of the town.

To the east of Comblès the Germans were rolled back from fortified villages which they strove stubbornly to hold. By the capture of Freycourt, a mile east of Comblès by the French, the allies forged a steel ring around the town and cut the only line of communications that the Germans still held.

The Germans tried unsuccessfully to lessen the pressure on the Somme front, by attacking south of Bethune. These attacks were repulsed. On the eastern front the Russians are again flanking great masses of troops against the German and Austro-Hungarian positions and violent battles have developed, particularly in the Carpathians.

Save fighting continues at many points along the battle line in Greek Macedonia. On the western end of this front the Bulgarians made strong counter-attacks which the French, Russians and Serbians have checked.

In addition to sky actions over the battle fronts both the allies and Germans carried out raids. British airmen bombed central Belgium, and the Germans again attacked England with Zeppelins, killing 29 people.

The revolutionary movement in Greece is spreading and now extends to Corfu. The commander of the Greek garrison at Corfu deserted his post and has gone to Saloniki to join the revolutionaries.

BEILIN ADMITS LOSSES. BEILIN, Sept. 26.—The German war office this afternoon admitted the loss of the German positions on the Guinecourt-Bouchavesnes line, including the villages of Les Bouffes, Moral and Freycourt.

Comblès, one of the three principal German bases on the Somme has been virtually abandoned by the army of the Bavarian crown prince.

In admitting officially the conquest of the allies of the villages on the Guinecourt-Bouchavesnes line, the German war office prepared the public for the loss of Comblès.

The official admission of the latest reverse on Somme is coupled with glowing praise by the Kaiser's war office for the "peerless soldiers," who, it is pointed out, are battling against the combined picked forces of the French and British armies and "the whole world's war machine, prepared during many months."

The Vulgar and Szdurk passes, the two gates to Transylvania, have again fallen to the Roumanians. After a 24-hour battle of the utmost ferocity, the Austro-German forces which last week captured the two passes, were again thrown from the heights surrounding them and, according to official admission by the German war office this afternoon, "were taken back last night on order."

An air raid on Bucharest and Bulgarian successes in Macedonia are also reported in the official statement.

T. N. FARIS DIES. BLOOMINGTON, Ind., Sept. 26.—Thomas N. Faris, widely known in the United Presbyterian church, died today. He gave \$10,000 to the United Presbyterian mission board last Christmas day.